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Assistant Secretary of State for Human Affairs  
Mrs. Patricia DERIAN  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C., 20520. USA

Dear Mrs. Derian:

This letter is to send our best wishes and greetings for Christmas and the New Year. Included is my son Gustavo, who in spite of being in a cell, wrote a letter for you, sending his greetings and admiration for your action in favour of the Human Rights. Unfortunately, he could not send the letter to us because that same day, he was again moved from Unit 9 (La Plata) to Unit 2 (Sierra Chica), together with about a hundred more people. I visited him, last Saturday, and he told me to tell you that he was forced to destroy that letter.

Christmas is again very near and we, fathers and mothers of "prisoners of conscience" (political prisoners, though General Videla denies they are) are again expecting that the militarymen in our Country accept the petitions to free at least those being only "at the disposal of the E.P.".

One day, Mrs. Derian, the History will tell what happened in my Country, and how was it possible that it fell down under a hard dictatorship, under such a kind of men without human feelings.

My wife Angela y my two sons and I, join together in this day and express our wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year for you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

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